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Mr. John Dwyer
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Dear Mr. Dwyer:

Thank you for your letter of October 30 expressing the concerns of some persons suffering from environmental sensitivity who have been in touch with the Commission.

I have taken your comments under advisement. In addition, I have taken the liberty of forwarding copies of your letter and this response to Mr. R.E. Ballantyne, Acting Director General, Personnel Administration Branch, who has responsibility for compensation matters, and to Mr. C.E. Tupper, Director General, Public Service Health Directorate, for comment.

In respect to the forthcoming meeting on environmental sensitivities to be held in Ottawa, Ms. Jacky Roddy, Executive Director, Allergy and Environmental Health Association (which I understand was formerly called the Human Ecology Foundation), will be in attendance. My staff has received requests from several members of this group and in discussion with Ms. Roddy, it was agreed that we would communicate solely through her. Members of this group are very active and I am sure you will agree that it will only add to the confusion if we were to include all who would wish to be invited.

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Mr. John Dwyer

I may add that concern has also been expressed by other invitees that there should be an appropriate balance in representation from the traditional allergy groups versus the human ecology groups.

I believe those who have been invited will be able to represent very adequately the concerns of their "clients", and I hope that this approach meets with your approval.

Yours truly,

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Director General

cc: Mr. R.E. Ballantyne
Mr. C.E. Tupper